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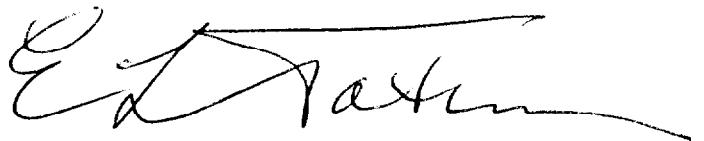
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To my fellow Nobel laureates:

I wish to endorse the accompanying request for statements made by a faculty group at the University of North Carolina and to urge you to respond to this effort.

I know that many scientists and scholars are reluctant to make public statements concerning matters beyond their special fields of competence. However, I agree with the sponsors of this effort that the problems facing mankind at present are so critical and so urgent that we, as citizens of the world, should lay aside that reluctance and give our views for whatever they are worth. I feel that we should recognize that the problems on which we are asked to comment are problems which should be viewed from a long-range global perspective, but which, to a large extent, have fallen by default to politicians whose attitudes are frequently nationalistic and short-range. And I also feel that most of my fellow Nobel laureates have broader outlooks which more than compensate for any deficiency in specific expertise.

In short, I believe that if a majority of the Nobel laureates will submit statements as requested, this project could have a significant influence on intellectual and political leaders throughout the world, and thereby have very important results.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. L. Tatum', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward L. Tatum